

# ECONOMIC INDICATORS



# COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO OFFICE OF FINANCIAL PLANNING

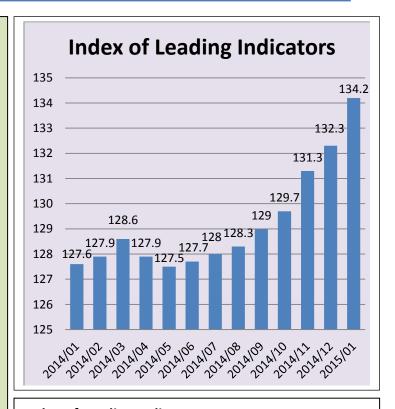
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The County of San Diego's Economic Indicators report is on the web and can be accessed at:

http://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/fg3/reiindex.html



### **Index of Leading Indicators**

The USD Burnham-Moores Center for Real Estate's Index of Leading Economic Indicators for San Diego County rose 1.4 percent in January. Leading the way to the upside were strong gains for initial claims for unemployment insurance, help wanted advertising, and building permits. Bringing up the rear but also positive were consumer confidence, local stock prices, and the outlook for the national economy. January's gain was the eighth in a row for the USD Index and was the largest monthly increase since February 2011. The strength of the move combined with the fact that all six components were positive signals a strong local economy at least through the end of 2015. One potential area of concern was the surge in gas prices that occurred in February which could have a negative impact on consumer confidence but is not likely to significantly slow the economy.



# Unemployment Rate Percent – not seasonally adjusted

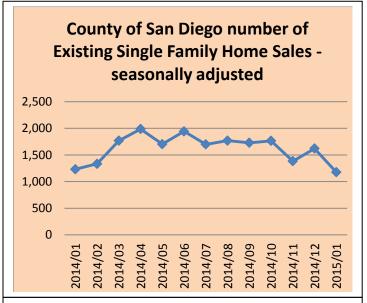
Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

# **Employment**

The unemployment rate in San Diego County increased to 5.8 percent in January from 5.2 percent in December. The County's unemployment rate is below the 7.0 percent rate recorded January of last year.

The seasonally unadjusted January unemployment rate in the State of California increased to 7.3 percent from 6.7 percent in December. The State's unemployment rate is below the 8.5 percent rate recorded a year ago.

The U.S. seasonally unadjusted unemployment rate increased to 6.1 percent in January from 5.4 percent in December.

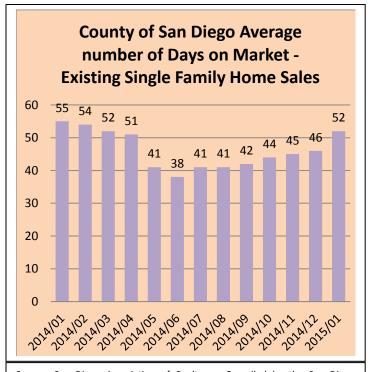


Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **HOUSING MARKET**

## **Number of Existing Single Family Home Sales**

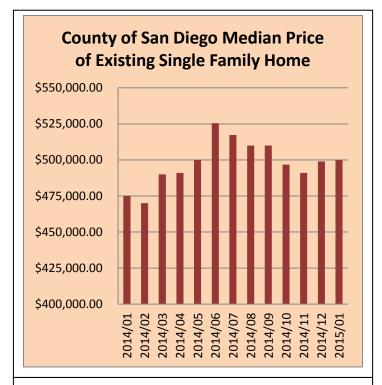
In January, 1,177 homes were sold in San Diego County, a decrease of 4.4 percent from the 1,231 homes sold in January 2014.



Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

# Average Days on the Market – Existing Single Family Homes Sales

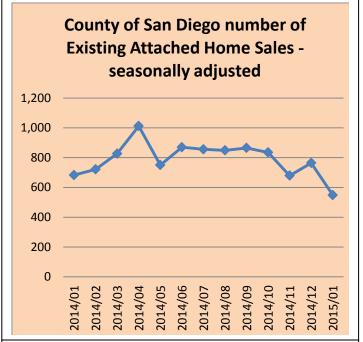
On average, homes that sold in San Diego County in January were on the marker for 52 days, only 3 days faster than the 52-day average in January 2014.



Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **Median Price of Existing Single Family Home**

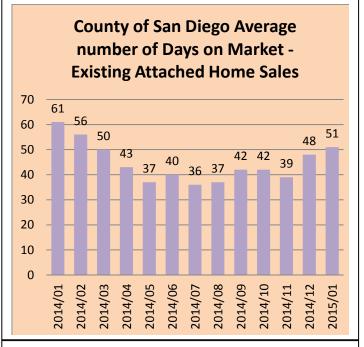
In January, the Median Price of a Detached Single Family Home in San Diego County was \$500,000, an increase of 5.3 percent from the January 2014 median price of \$475,000. It increased slightly compared to the prior month (December 2014) amount of \$499,000. Compared to the annual 2014 average median price of \$497,962, the January price increased 0.4%.



Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **Number of Existing Attached Home Sales**

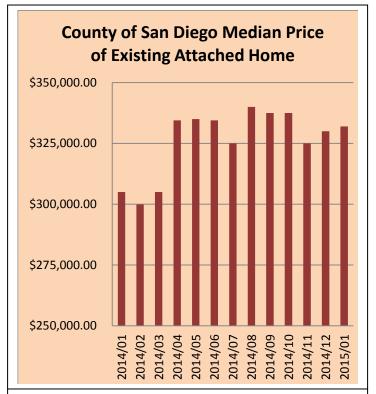
In January, 549 homes were sold in San Diego County, a decrease of 19.6 percent from the 683 homes sold in January 2014.



Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

# Average Days on the Market – Attached Homes Sales

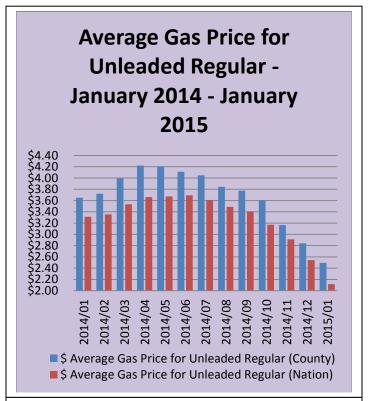
On average, homes that sold in San Diego County in January were on the marker for 51 days, 10 days faster than the 52-day average in January 2014.



Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

### **Median Price of Existing Attached Home**

In January, the Median Price of Attached Family Homes in San Diego County was \$332,000, an increase of 8.9 percent from the January 2014 median price of \$305,000. It increased slightly compared to the prior month (December 2014) amount of \$330,000. Compared to the annual 2014 average median price of \$325,742, the January price increased 1.9%.

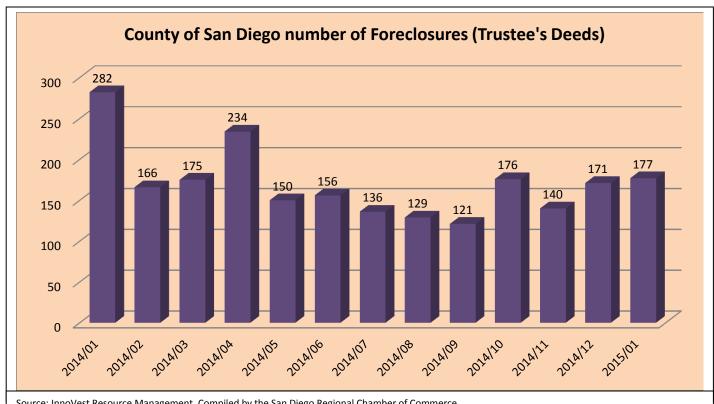


Source: San Diego Association of Realtors. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce.

# **Average Gas Price for Unleaded Regular**

The average gas price per gallon for unleaded regular in San Diego County was 12.3 percent lower in January (\$2.49) from December (\$2.84) and it's 31.8 percent lower compared to January 2014 (\$3.65).

The US average gas price per gallon for unleaded regular was 16.5 percent lower in January (\$2.12) from December (\$2.54) and it's 36.0 percent lower compared to January 2014 (\$3.31).



Source: InnoVest Resource Management. Compiled by the San Diego Regional Chamber of Commerce

### **Foreclosures**

The number of foreclosures in San Diego County during the month of January was 177, a decrease of 37.2 percent from the 282 foreclosures during January 2014.